

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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Week Ending June 29, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 29, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included replanting soybeans and spraying fields for insects and weeds. Rain continues to delay fieldwork across most of the state. Soil moisture conditions were rated 1 percent short, 39 percent adequate and 60 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	54	43	81	70	1	8	22	56	13
	Dough	20	8	25	27					
Cotton	Squaring	52	32	95	83	3	7	28	53	9
	Setting Bolls	16	---	27	15					
Rice	Heading	8	---	7	3	0	4	27	58	11
Sorghum	Planted	100	100	100	100	0	5	19	69	7
	Emerged	100	99	100	99					
	Heading	10	2	34	24					
Soybeans	Planted	89	86	99	92	1	7	22	52	18
	Emerged	80	78	98	88					
	Blooming	18	9	43	17					
Wheat	Mature	99	97	100	100	2	9	39	42	8
	Harvested	70	65	99	89					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	60	28	78	85	0	1	2	97	0
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	99	95	100	---	2	9	38	41	10
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	35	30	45	---					
Peaches	Harvested	43	34	52	47	0	2	27	50	21
Watermelons	Planted	99	97	100	100	3	12	33	43	9
Blueberries						0	5	21	55	19
Peanuts						0	0	2	84	14
Cattle						1	2	20	60	17
Pasture						0	4	21	54	21

County Agent Comments

"Humidity and night time temperatures finally reached the point where crops are showing some growth in most cases. Many farmers were able to get out in the fields and replant soybeans and work on some weed control this week. The crops still have time to give us a fair to good yield and hopefully a good return on our investment."

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

"Rain has made curing hay nearly impossible. Corn, cotton, and soybeans have begun to look better with our higher temperatures. Afternoon showers are hindering cotton and soybean cultivation."

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

"Thirty to forty percent of the cotton will be abandoned due to excessive rain. Replanting soybeans has been the main objective this week. Weed control work in soybean fields that survived the rains occurred this week. Hay harvest continues to fall behind schedule due to frequent showers and the wet soil surface which prevents proper curing. Most hay harvest for the next two weeks will be poor quality."

— Mike Howell, Lee County

"Farmers are spraying for insects and doing tillage work in fields that allow work to be done."

— Charles Fitts, Chickasaw County

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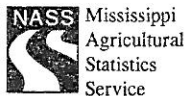
Weather Summary from June 23, 1997 to June 29, 1997 for Mississippi 1/

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale													
Cleveland	96	65	83			2.51		2	4.30				
Tunica	95	67	82	80	+2	1.42	+0.48	1	7.22	90	80	85	
Extreme/Average	96	65	82	80	+3	1.97	+1.03	2	5.76	90	80	85	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	93	69	80	77	+3	0.00	-0.74	0	4.88	93	76	85	0.24
Memphis	96	67	80	81	-1	2.64	+1.61	4	6.36				
Oxford	95	69	81	77	+4	1.73	+0.82	3	11.19				
Extreme/Average	96	67	80	78	+2	1.46	+0.57	2	7.48	93	76	85	0.24
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	67	78	78	+1	1.62	+0.89	5	9.29				
Corinth	95	69	82	78	+3	2.38	+1.65	6	11.24				
Iuka	89	64	76			2.06		3	9.97				
Pontotoc	93	69	80	78	+2	0.04	-0.83	2	9.44	90	77	83	0.21
Tupelo	93	67	79	79	+1	2.02	+1.16	5	10.61				
Verona	94	70	81			0.42		4	9.49	90	73	82	0.20
Extreme/Average	95	64	79	78	+1	1.42	+0.62	4	10.01	90	73	82	0.21
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	96	72	84	81	+3	0.00	-0.80	0	4.14	99	86	92	
Greenwood	94	70	81	80	+1	1.90	+0.86	4	5.46				
Rolling Fork	95	70	83			0.07	-0.63	1	1.90	103	88	95	0.19
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	95	71	83	81	+2	1.21	+0.44	3	7.34				
Extreme/Average	96	70	82	81	+2	0.80	-0.03	2	4.71	103	86	94	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage	93	68	79	79	+1	1.21	+0.39	5	3.79				
Jackson	92	69	80	81	-1	1.18	+0.54	5	5.69				
Winona	90	66	78	77	+1	2.46	+1.59	2	10.80				
Extreme/Average	93	66	79	79	+0	1.62	+0.84	4	6.76				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.60	-0.09	3	6.24				
Columbus	93	72	81			1.38		4	5.14				
State University	93	72	83	79	+4	0.52	-0.23	3	3.73	91	76	83	
Extreme/Average	93	72	82	79	+3	0.95	+0.20	4	4.44	91	76	83	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	69	80			1.09		4	10.97	97	76	86	
Natchez	92	70	80	81	-1	1.70	+0.76	2	3.90				
Oakley	83	68	75			0.18	-0.70	2	6.26	94	71	84	
Vicksburg	92	71	82			0.66		2	7.08				
Extreme/Average	93	68	79	81	-2	0.91	-0.00	3	7.05	97	71	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	69	79	81	-2	2.45	+1.31	4	12.36				
McComb	93	69	79	79	+0	0.80	-0.36	5	8.83				
Extreme/Average	93	69	79	80	-1	1.63	+0.48	5	10.60				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	95	70	81			1.56		4	6.26	90	75	82	
Hattiesburg	93	67	79	80	-1	1.71	+0.83	5	6.34				
Laurel													
Meridian	91	68	79	79	-1	2.92	+1.95	6	5.08				
Newton	92	68	79	79	-0	0.66	-0.14	4	2.72	91	74	81	0.16
Extreme/Average	95	67	79	79	-0	1.71	+0.83	5	5.10	91	74	81	0.16
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	67	78			1.64		4	4.04				
Biloxi	93	70	80			3.82		4	9.14				
Gulfport	92	71											
Pascagoula	91	69	79	82	-3	1.81	+0.72	3	8.17				
Poplarville	94	70	80	80	-1	1.52	+0.26	4	5.19	94	75	81	9.00
Extreme/Average	94	67	79	81	-2	1.76	+0.54	3	5.71	94	75	81	9.00
State	96	64	80	80	+1	1.42	+0.50	3	6.76	103	71	85	0.65

DFN = Departure from Normal.

1/ A number of Mississippi stations are missing daily data for June 28th and 29th. Therefore, weekly totals may be incomplete.

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